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20 **Summary of the prosecution**

This application is a divisional of U.S. patent 6,256,613, issued 3/7/2001 and having the same title, inventors, and assignee as the present patent application. Examiner mailed a first Office action in the above application on 7/12/04. In his Office action, Examiner
25 rejected pending claims 1-4 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over the combination of U.S. patent 5,517,405, McAndrew, et al., *Expert system for providing interactive assistance in solving problems such as health care management*, issued May 14, 1996 (henceforth "McAndrew") and U.S. patent 5,002, 491, Abrahamson, et al., *Electronic classroom system enabling interactive self-paced learning*, issued Mar. 26, 1991 (henceforth
30 "Abrahamson"). Applicants are traversing the rejection.

Traversal

What Applicants are claiming

35 Applicants' broadest claim is claim 1, which reads as follows:

1. A method of providing continuing medical education credit to a first physician who has been engaged in a consultation with a second physician via an intermediary, the intermediary being connected by a telecommunications system to both the first and second physicians,
40 the method comprising the steps performed in the intermediary of: